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SUBJECT: NEGOTIATIONS FOR FRENCH AMBASSADOR'S RELEASE

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1. NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUING AT 1200 HRS LOCAL FOR RELEASE OF
AMBASSADOR GUEURY AND SAFE CONDUCT OUT OF COUNTRY OF SOMALI COAST
LIBERATION FRONT MEMBERS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT LIB FRONT HAS ASKED
A) THAT TWO HOSTAGES -- PREFERABLE SONGLI NATIONALS -- ACCOMPANY
THEIR GROUP, TOGETHER WITH GUEURY, TO AIRPORT FROM SCLF HQS AND
ON TO FINAL DESTINATION; B) THAT SOMALI AIRLINES PLANE BE FURNISHED;
AND C) THAT GSDR PUBLISH STATEMENT PROMISING THAT IT WILL NOT
RPT NOT PUNISH SCLF FRONT MEMBERS OR SCLF FOR GUEURY ABDUCTION.
GSDR HAS EVIDENTLY AGREED TO ALL EXCEPT LAST STIPULATION, WHICH
IS NOW BEING NEGOTIATED FURTHER.

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2. NEGOTIATIONS WERE ALSO STYMIED BY CONFUSION AS TO WHETHER

PDRY WOULD OR WOULD NOT AGREE TO PROVIDING SANCTUARY FOR SCLF PRISONERS IN FRANCE AND GUEURY ABDUCTORS. GOF EVIDENTLY INFORMED IN PARIS BY PDRY GOVT THAT ADEN WOULD PROVIDE SANCTUARY. PDRY AMBASSADOR IN MOGADISCIO, HOWEVER, WAS TOLD MORE RECENTLY BY HIS FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT PDRY GOVT WOULD NOT RPT NOT PROVIDE HAVEN FOR SCLF MEMBERS NOR WOULD IT SERVE AS TRANSFER POINT. IT NOW APPEARS THAT ADEN IS STICKING BY ITS REFUSAL.

3. ARAB AMBASSADORS IN MOGADISCIO HAVE FORMED COMMITTEE TO EXPLORE ALTERNATIVE SITES AND HAVE PROPOSED TO GUEURY'S ABDUCTORS THAT EITHER TRIPOLI OR BAGHDAD BE CHOSEN AS ALTERNATE PLACE FOR TRANSFER AND SAFE-HAVEN. AT PRESENT TIME, LIBYAN AND IRAQI AMBASSADORS SEEKING APPROVAL FROM THEIR CAPITALS.

4. BECAUSE OF THIS LATTER HITCH, IT IS LIKELY THAT DEADLINE FOR COMPLETION OF FINAL NEGOTIATIONS, WHICH WAS SET FOR 2000 HRS LOCAL MARCH 26, WILL PROBABLY BE EXTENDED.
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